

I have lived in CT for 25 years and recently retired after 35 years as a public educator. I now must consider whether to continue my retirement in CT because it is one of the few states that tax pensions and Social Security income. I moved to CT from NY in 1990 only to witness the "temporary" income tax instituted in 1991. This 24 year "temporary" tax is only one of many that has our state listed as one of the most unfriendly for retirees and business in the USA. Growing up in nearby Brewster, NY I used to envy CT fiscal prowess as NY and Mass (then called taxachusetts) continually had fiscal responsibility failings. Now both those states have made enormous strides in business (NY) and education (Mass) while we languish behind. How are we going to assure our highly skilled work force remains here for their prime working years and people like me (middle income retirees) remain into retirement ? Something has to change as the formula for the past quarter century clearly has not worked and soon we will become a two tier state (rich and poor) with a diminished middle class.

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